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SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA: SECOND COMMITTEE, UNITED NATIONS
DISASTER RELIEF OFFICE (UNDRO) ITEM 64

REF: A) USUN 5625; B) STATE 291092

1. SUMMARY: AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH USYG DAVIDSON, SWEDISH DELEGATION AND OTHER CO-SPONSORS WILL MODIFY UNDRO RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE PROVISION FOR FINANCING "A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION" OF THE UNDRO CORE PROGRAM FROM THE REGULAR BUDGET. IT WAS FELT THAT "SUBSTANTIAL PORTION" LANGUAGE PROVIDES THE NEEDED DISCRETION TO THE SYG IN FORMULATING HIS BUDGET. (THE US IS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE ORIGINAL TEXT WITH THE SPECIFIC "50 PERCENT" FINANCING LANGUAGE.)

ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE IN CONTINUED US CO-SPONSORSHIP OF SUBJECT RESOLUTION.

2. PER REFTEL B, USUN ADVISED THE SWEDISH DEL ON NOVEMBER 29 THAT WE WOULD JOIN AS CO-SPONSOR TO THE DRAFT RESOLUTION REFERRED TO IN REF A. (DRAFT RESOLUTION HAS NOW 22 CO-SPONSORS
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AND MORE ARE EXPECTED.)

3. WHEN THE SWEDISH DEL SUBMITTED THE DRAFT RESOLUTION TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE, HE WAS ADVISED THAT USYG DAVIDSON WAS OF THE OPINION THAT LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 5 WHICH "REQUESTS THE SYG, IN FORMULATING HIS DRAFT PROGRAM BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1978-1979 TO INCLUDE PROVISION FOR THE FINANCING FROM THE REGULAR BUDGET OF 50 PERCENT OF THOSE CORE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES", SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO READ "TO INCLUDE PROVISION FOR THE FINANCING OF A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THOSE CORE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES" IN ORDER TO PROVIDE GREATER DISCRETION TO THE SYG IN FORMULATING HIS BUDGET, AND TO PERMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO BE PROPERLY CONSIDERED BY THE SECOND COMMITTEE.

4. ON NOVEMBER 30, AFTER CAUCUSING SEVERAL OTHER CO-SPONSORS, THE SWEDISH DELEGATION HAS ADVISED THAT ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON DECEMBER 1, WHEN THIS RESOLUTION IS TO BE INTRODUCED, THEY WILL PROPOSE THE LANGUAGE MODIFICATION INDICATED ABOVE.

5. USUN IS OF THE VIEW THAT THE LANGUAGE CHANGE PROPOSED IS THE BEST LANGUAGE WE CAN GET, AND WE RECOMMEND CONTINUANCE OF US CO-SPONSORSHIP.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS ASAP AS TO WHETHER WE CAN CONTINUE TO CO-SPONSOR THE SUBJECT RESOLUTION.
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